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Minnesota Farmers Union members attending the National Farmers Union Convention hosted in San Diego

ST. PAUL (March 1, 2017) Minnesota Farmers Union (MFU) members will be attending the National Farmers Union (NFU) 115th Anniversary Convention that is being held at the Catamaran Resort in San Diego, CA, March 5-8, 2017.

“The National Farmers Union Convention consists of delegates from around the country coming together to discuss key agricultural issues and build a true grassroots policy,” said Gary Wertish, Minnesota Farmers Union President. “The policies we agree upon at the NFU convention are the policies that drive our focus and engagement for the year ahead in our work on federal policy. As always we have a strong representation coming from Minnesota Farmers Union and I expect another great National Farmers Union convention.”

In addition to the policy consideration process, attendees will hear from two high-level panels on the upcoming Farm Bill and conservation in agriculture, and industry experts focusing on consolidation in the agricultural sector, renewable fuels, and sustainable food production. The convention will also feature a local farm tour, award ceremonies, and a number of NFU education programming events.

Minnesota Farmers Union has eight delegates to the NFU Convention: Alton Walker of Bagely; Jan Lundebrek of Benson; Tim Velde of Granite Falls, Eric Hoese of Mayer; Aidan Read of Nerstrand; Larry Jacobson of Hitterdal; Alan Perish of Browerville; and Gary Wertish of Renville.

Other MFU members attending are: Farmers Union Insurance Agency President Rodney Allebach and his wife Linda of Albertville; Gina Jacobson of Hitterdal; Eric Sannerud of Ham Lake; Richard Moen of Clearbrook; Bryan and Jennifer Klabunde of Waubun; Bessie Klose of Atwater; Lisa Severson of Eau Claire, WI; Lori Klose of Benson; Brian Rohrenbach and Linda Larson of Rosemount; Connie Velde of Granite Falls; Doug and Elly Peterson of Madison; Ross Eischens of Minneota; Adeline Wolliscroft of Bagley; Jill and Aaron Chervestad of Oklee; Anne Schwagerl of Browns Valley; Cindy and Josh VenderPol of Kerkhoven; Marlys Jensen of Kensington; Jeanne Wertish of Renville; Katie Wertish of Renville; Chris Fullerton of St. Paul and Gene Paul of Delavan.

MFU staff in attendance will be: Education Director Glen Schmidt of St. Paul; Membership Director Bruce Miller of St. Paul; Public Affairs Director Amanda Valencia of Forest Lake; Executive Assistant Laura Sherar of St. Paul; and Director of Renewable Energy Michelle Medina of Forest Lake.

If you would like to speak with any of these people during the convention, please call Amanda Valencia, MFU Public Affairs Director, 651.900.3131

You can view the full convention agenda at www.nfu.org/convention.

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